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Dear Mr. Young:

A summary of the 1983-1992 gypsy moth trapping program conducted at Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge is enclosed for your information (Table 1). The purpose of the program is to monitor low level gypsy moth populations and help us determine when more quantifiable survey methods should be employed, as is the case at Blackwater NWR.

Since Blackwater NWR has recently become generally infested with gypsy moth and egg mass surveys are now being conducted, participation of this site in future gypsy moth trapping programs is not necessary. Our efforts of monitoring gypsy moth populations will now focus on annual egg mass surveys.

Thank you for your cooperation and if you have any questions regarding these results, please call me at (304) 285-1556.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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Table 1.--Summary of the 1983-1992 gypsy moth trapping results
at Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge

BLACKWATER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE (Dorchester County, MD)

	<u>Number of Traps</u>	<u>Total Moths Caught</u>	<u>Positive Catch Trap Number</u>
1983	10	183	All
1984	10	174	All
1985	10	131	1,2,4-10
1986	10	503	All
1987	10	722	All
1988	10	2196	All
1989	10	2170	All
1990	10	6870	All
1991	10	3428	All
1992	10	5059	All